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## Semi-Centennial.

The Park Methodist Episcopal Church at Broad and Park streets is preparing to celebrate its semi-centennial on November 1. A committee has been appointed consisting of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Woodruff, Chairman; Frederick H. Carl, Secretary; and Stephen W. Tydemann, Theodore Cadmus, Charles W. Martin, John W. Snedeker and Joseph E. Rusby, to arrange for the affair. The first meeting of the committee was held last week. It was decided to have a celebration on Sunday, November 1, and to endeavor to obtain a bishop and other noted ministers to preach. The services will be continued during the week, and all the former pastors will be invited to attend. A historical sketch of the church will also be prepared.

Methodism in Bloomfield had its beginning much more than fifty years ago. In the first quarter of the nineteenth century meetings were held in the house of Mrs. Naomi Cockfield, above the Morris neighborhood, and a stone church was built there in 1832. It was part of what was called the Second River circuit, which included Belleville, Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Caldwell and Orange. Among the first preachers there were the Rev. Manning Force, the Rev. Benjamin Collins, the Rev. Mr. Wiggins and the Rev. Isaac Winner.

In 1836 a church was erected between Bloomfield and West Bloomfield, as Montclair was then called, and in time the congregation divided, one part going to what is now Montclair, and the other in 1833 built the Park Church in Broad street, fronting the park. In 1881 this church was enlarged and three years later a new Sunday-school was added. Among the pastors of the Park Church have been the Rev. Messrs. Sylvester H. Opyke, Joseph B. Adams, Stacy W. Ellard, Stephen L. Baldwin, Henry Spillmeyer, Edison W. Burr, Warren W. Hoagland, Richard Harcourt and Daniel R. Lowrie.

In 1872 the Watessing M. E. Church was formed as an offshoot from the Park Church.

## Protest Against Local Jail.

Owing to protests of owners of property on Washington street between the Centre and the Lackawanna Railroad against the proposed location of the local jail in that block, the owner of the property which the Town Council planned to purchase as a site for a combination fire house and jail has declined to sell the property. This decision will cause the Fire Committee to readjust its plans for a series of municipal buildings.

It will be remembered by those who attended the special meeting of the Board of Trade at which the subject of municipal buildings was discussed that a very vigorous protest was made against the use of the Nash property for any municipal purpose that would involve the location of the town jail there. It is very likely that a similar hostile attitude will be manifested against efforts of the Council to secure a site for a combined fire house and jail in any part of the town where residential interests are affected. It will not be gained that the presence of a town jail has a depreciating effect on the value of surrounding property.

## Irreconcilable Statements.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Three months ago the official statement was made in a meeting of the Town Council that the fire department was sadly in need of new hose, and at least 500 feet of new hose ought to be purchased. Acting probably in accord with an official declaration of the needs of the department, the Council authorized the purchase of the required amount of hose so badly needed.

At the latest session of the Council it was officially stated, according to the account of the Council proceedings published in the CITIZEN, that the fire department was blessed with hose sufficient and to spare, and could give the proposed Montgomery Hose Company 500 feet without at all affecting the supply of the older companies. The two statements are scarcely reconcilable. Either the fire department was not sadly in need of hose three months ago, or it has none to spare now.

FIREMAN.

The next regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held in their hall on Washington street Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Business of importance is to be transacted and all the members are requested to be present.

The W. C. T. U. State Convention will be held in Morristown October 13 to 15 inclusive. As it is to be so near, it is hoped that many of the local union members will attend one day or more.

## SERMON FOR TEACHERS.

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pastor, physician, and teacher. I scarcely know how to place these four as to the order of importance. It is the personality of each that counts. Mark Hopkins that made Garfield to say that a bench with such a teacher was college for him.

This personality should be prolonged in its contact. We want our pastor to remain with us. There is a power in the minister who has baptized the child, perhaps officiated at the marriage of the parents, and been a long-time friend of the household. We say of the doctor, he is our family physician he understands our needs best. So it should be of the teacher.

The teacher should be able to make a study of the child. The fact is as a child comes to the period of adolescence, a special study should be made of his temperament and mental traits. The teacher who does this will be successful. So I plead for teachers who shall make teaching their life work. The teacher must not forget the importance of this work. He is dealing with impressionable minds. He is making impressions that are eternal.

Moreover, the average teacher has the child for a longer time than any of the quartette of whom I have spoken. The pastor comes only occasionally and briefly unto the presence of the child; the physician seldom, except in illness. The demands also, of society or business in this strenuous age, makes it so that the parent is only a little time with the children. The schoolteacher is in contact with the child five important hours for five days of the week. To rightly conceive of the teacher's responsibility is to raise the conception of his life work to a high standard. The teacher should go to his school as to a temple, and feel that he is doing work not only for the future, but for the future. It goes without saying that for this work a teacher should be well paid. The teacher should also have the warmest sympathy and co-operation of the home. The teacher should be a frequent, welcome visitor at the home, as the parent should be at the school. I would mention three characteristics which a teacher should pre-eminently possess—viz.: Patience, perseverance, and prayerfulness.

The Jews only permitted married people to teach as the parent would be more patient. Women do the most of the teaching because they are by nature more patient than men. By prayerfulness I mean not so much outward professions or religious acts as I do the heart life of fellowship with God which we should feel as we are dealing so much in the most impossible period with so many of the creatures whom He has so highly endowed. We are moulding the plastic clay He has put into your hand which is to be rock in the eternities. A successful teacher must have that perseverance that repeats, tries other methods, and is bound to accomplish his purpose.

He must be patient. He must know self-control. He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city, and nowhere is this truth more apparent than in the school-room. It is a good rule never to get angry, and if you do never let any one know it. Nowhere more than in the work of the teacher is there the need of "patient continuance in well-doing." Mrs. Wesley said she was successful in training her children because she had patience enough to repeat even for the twentieth time, if need be any given precept.

The teacher must be prayerful, that is, religious. I do not mean that he should assume pious attitudes, or that he should wear symbols of religion in dress or attire, nor make professions, but that he should feel he is dealing with God's creatures that he is accountable for impressions made on God's little ones, that he is conscious of the vast responsibility which rests on him, and no one can do this and not be compelled as it were to keep in closest touch with God, and want to breathe His atmosphere and think His thoughts. Do your best, do it as unto God and for His sake. The Scotch woman who grudgingly gave her poorest umbrella to a woman who asked the loan of it, was much surprised afterward to find the borrower was the Queen, and she said: "If I had known it was my Queen I would gladly have given her my best."

To-morrow when at 9 o'clock you go before your boys and girls you will do your best, for they are to be kings and priests unto God, and go into the presence of Him whose you are and whom you serve, and He will say "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these, ye have done it unto me." One might say a canvas of Raphael and said, "I, too, am a painter." Look at the man who taught daily in the Temple, catch his spirit and say, I, too, am a teacher.

## Women's Club Resumes Work.

The announcement that the Women's Club of Westminster Church will resume work, is welcomed by the many women and girls of Bloomfield and vicinity who spent their Tuesday evenings of last winter and spring so pleasantly and profitably in Recreation Hall of the Jarvis Memorial, where light gymnastics, basket-ball, shuffleboard, ping-pong, and other games were enjoyed. The Women's Club will meet again every Tuesday evening, beginning October 13, and extend to women and girls (over sixteen), the privilege to be enjoyed in Recreation Hall, which include the physical culture class under the competent leadership of Miss Mabel Freeman, who gave such effective evidence of her skill during last season's work as instructor of the class. It is expected that many new features will be added this year to the physical and social welfare of the members.

Applicants for admission to the Women's Club will be received every Tuesday evening in Recreation Hall upon payment of the moderate sum of twenty cents monthly. Entrance to the hall on Tuesday evenings may be gained from Austin place.

## Orphan Asylum Auxiliary.

The general meeting of the Bloomfield Orphan Asylum Society will be held for election of officers and regular business, Wednesday, October 7, at 3 o'clock at the home of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Stubbart, No. 140 Broad street. Friends are invited to attend.

## Judge Post Sustained.

Two recent decisions by Justice of the Peace Jacob G. Post were appealed to the higher court by the defendants in the cases. Justice Skinner sustained Justice Post in both cases.

## Rev. Mr. Cook's Farewell.

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honored over the selection of the Rev. Mr. Cook for the position of Superintendent of the new branch of church work.

Among the many happy incidents of the evening was the presentation to the pastor by Mr. Sproull on the part of the Executive Committee of the Essex County Christian Endeavor Union of a set of books, comprising Dr. Newman's Manual of Church History in two volumes, and Spear's Missionary Principles and Practice, one volume. In making this presentation Mr. Sproull spoke in terms of highest praise of Mr. Cook's work in the Essex County Christian Endeavor Union, in its Executive Committee work, and as Superintendent of the Bible Study Department and in connection with the Fresh Air work. He read a letter from the Executive Committee expressing that body's regrets over the loss of Mr. Cook's services to the Union's work.

Wm. Maxfield, on behalf of the Christian Endeavor Society of the church, presented the pastor with a set of gold sleeve buttons, emblematic links. Joseph B. Maxfield, on the part of the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees, presented Pastor Cook with a dress suit case of strong build and fine finish. Mr. Stone, on the part of the official boards of the church, presented Mrs. Cook with a beautiful cut glass dish. All the presentations were accompanied by addresses in the happiest vein on the part of the donors and were as happily responded to on the part of the recipients. The evening's service concluded with a farewell handshake between the pastor and people.

## Church Notes.

The Epworth League of the Watessing M. E. Church held a social at the home of Miss Bertha McCroly, Ellis street, Thursday night.

Plans are nearly completed for the annual convention of the New Jersey State Society of Christian Endeavor, which is to be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Orange on October 15 and 16. Over 1,500 delegates are expected to attend, and among the entertainments provided will be a reception in the Young Men's Christian Association building. A handsome souvenir, consisting of a handsomely printed book, will be given each delegate. It contains pictures of many places about the Oranges and a great deal of historical interest.

In connection with the golden jubilee of the Newark Catholic diocese Bishop O'Connor will ask the people under his charge to make special jubilee gifts to forward the work on the new Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Early day exercises were held in the Bethel Church between 10 and 11 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, when an interesting musical and literary programme was rendered. Organ selections were given by George T. Stockett. The programme also included soprano solos by Miss Rita Abbott Jackson, and a quartet composed of Miss Jackson, Miss Laura A. Harrison, George B. Higginbotham, and Charles I. Webster. An address was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. David O. Irving.

Rev. Alex Turnbull, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Society, will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church on Monday morning.

In the evening the quarterly union service will be held, at which Rev. Elliott W. Brown of Glen Ridge Congregational Church will preach. The fifteenth anniversary of the organization of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Baptist Church will be observed on Sunday, October 18.

The Rev. Charles A. Cook left town yesterday on a Western trip in connection with his new duties as Superintendent for the General Committee on Christian Stewardship. Mr. Cook will preach in Bethany Baptist Church in Chicago to-morrow. During his trip he will attend the Baptist State conventions in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. He will also address two ministerial conferences on the subject of Promoting Christian Stewardship in the local churches. Mr. Cook expects to be home again on October 24th.

The Program Committee of the First Church Guild is just completing arrangements for the opening of the course of entertainments for the winter, and expects to send out the announcements of the lectures and lectures in a few days. It is planned to begin the series with a concert Monday evening, October 26th.

Hard Knock for Glen Ridge. The Judges of the Court of Errors and Appeal in their recent decision on the McKee School act held that in regard to school government boroughs must go back to the townships from which they were separated and be regarded and controlled as a part of the township school district. This decision affects three boroughs in this county, namely, Valleyburg which must go back to South Orange, North Caldwell which must go back to Caldwell township, and Glen Ridge which must go back to Bloomfield.

To obviate such action and get around the law the boroughs can be created cities and maintain a school district of their own, but as there is only about half a dozen boroughs in the State financially able to maintain a separate school district it is not likely that the Legislature will make cities of the boroughs.

## Mountainside Hospital.

The following donations to the Mountainside Hospital have been received: Mrs. L. Brun, Book Club, Upper Montclair, Mrs. Hobert, Mr. Chas. Martin, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Fugh, Mrs. Schmitt, Mr. Bloch, Hecker Bros., Edward French, Mr. Chittling, Mrs. Roubaud, Mrs. John Van Winkle, Misses Grace and Helen Hayward, Miss Van Lennep, Mrs. Hangerford, Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Allison Dodd. Articles sent were: Jelly, toilet articles, fruit, flowers, books, magazines, meat, vegetables and clothes.

Contributions to the hospital from the following persons are also acknowledged: Mrs. L. H. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Dodd, Mrs. N. Harvey Dodd, Miss Kate Fournier, Mrs. J. J. Hughes, Mr. Joseph Garlock, Mr. John Kott, Mr. H. Snyder.

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